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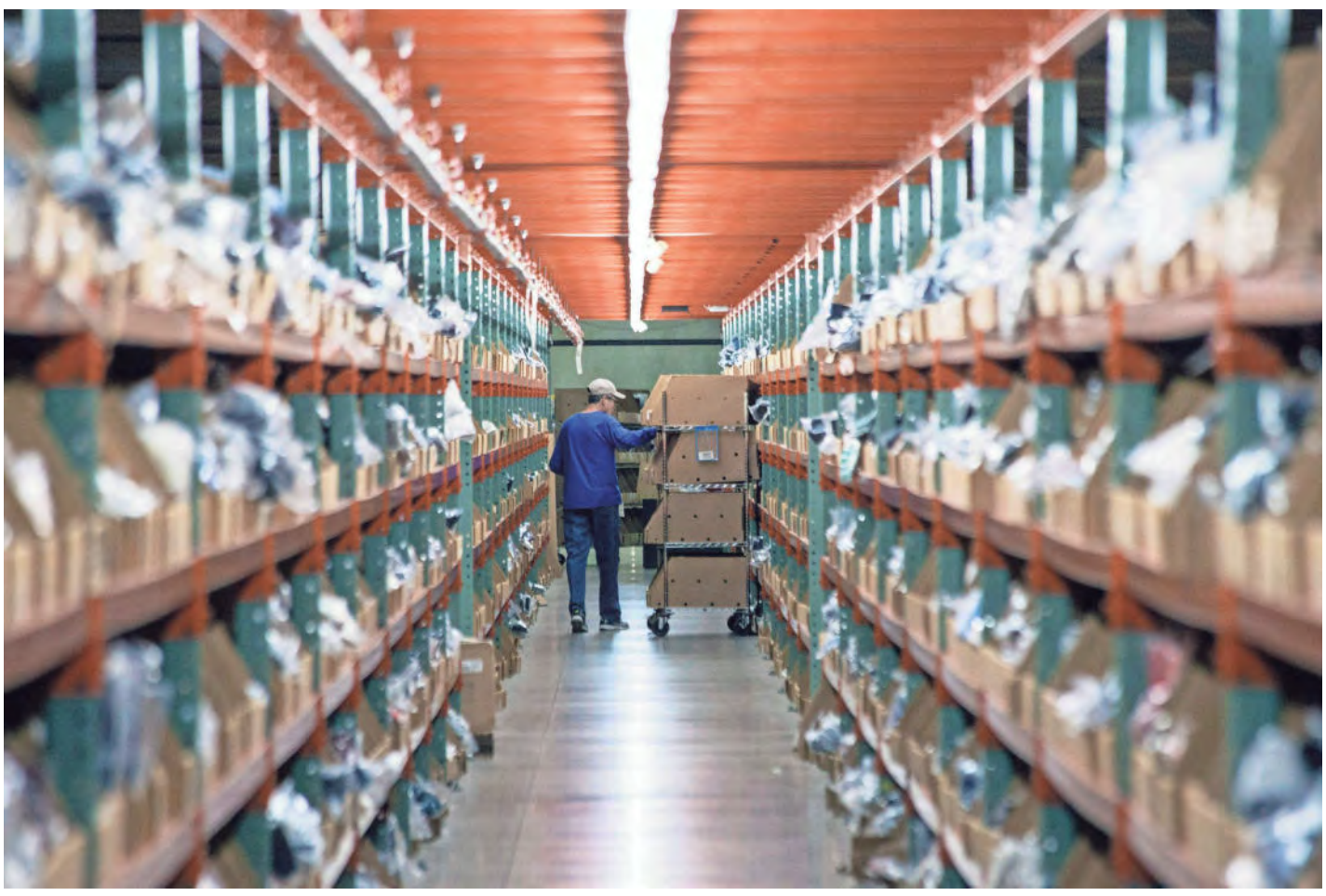

A worker at Radial Fulfillment & Distribution sorts merchandise for shipping in one of the long halls.
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Industry boom not a long-term economic solution

Grace Schneider
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With their morning break over, men and women shoved through large glass doors at Radial Inc.'s warehouse and fanned out toward workstations, a cloud of cold air laced with cigarette scents in their wake.

Some Santa's helpers strapped black radio-frequency bands on wrists and biceps. They wheeled carts through miles of shelving, scanning then loading sweatshirts, shin guards, and leather purses that soon were boxed, bagged and sped to the shipping docks.

The 750 employees at the former eBay distribution center in Bullitt County still form a modest slice of the region's e-commerce sector, estimated at about 24,000 employees plus more than 10,000 seasonal workers.

It's an industry that's scooped up warehouse space and workers as consumers grab their phones and laptops to shop the internet. Credit the arrival of UPS's Worldport hub south of the Louisville International Airport and the region's central location for the boom.

But the resulting surge — with predictions of more growth — is no longer viewed as the opportunity that local economic development leaders are pursuing for young job seekers.

Picking up merchandise and packing shipping

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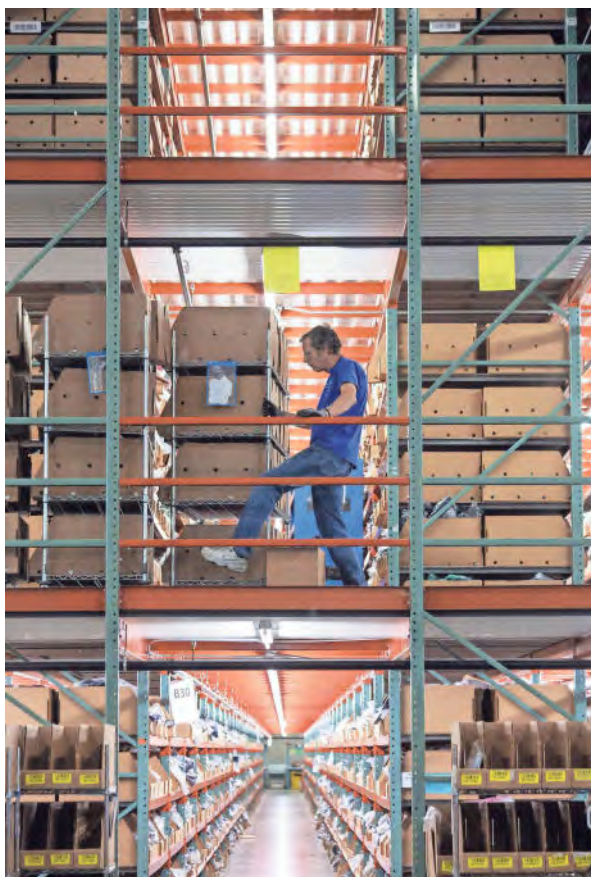

The multi-storied storage warehouse at the Radial Fulfillment & Distribution facility stays active with workers constantly moving products for shipping.

Seeking justice online can prove risky

Assault victims' claims have legal ramifications

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The cultural movement inspired by #metoo has dominated national discussion in recent weeks — with people worldwide taking to social media to share stories of sexual assault and harassment.

And in Louisville and elsewhere, the effort intended to empower and enlighten is also becoming a tool for justice.

Women and men have taken the hashtag a step farther by naming their alleged abusers online — a move that, in some cases, has resulted in instant ramifications against those accused.

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Colby Bruno
of the Victim Rights Law Center in Massachusetts

Advocates say the quick response can be gratifying for assault survivors who've felt let down by the court system. But they warn that the posts can also open the accusers to devastating legal risks.

"Too many people post on social media thinking that they're bulletproof," said Colby Bruno of the Victim Rights Law Center in Massachusetts. "I would never, ever, ever counsel someone to go on social media without really thinking it through."

Bruno has spent more than 10 years providing free legal work to survivors, and she said she's recently seen a rise in defamation lawsuits filed against people who've publicly accused others of sexual violence.

Within the past month, a number of high-profile men have filed defamation suits against female accusers, while several women have filed defamation suits against their alleged abusers — including one naming President Donald Trump.

One case is playing out in Louisville, where a nationally known bar owner is suing two women he says falsely accused him of abuse online.

The accusations started with a Nov. 13 Facebook post that reached thousands of people in a matter of days.

In it, a woman posted a photo of the Haymarket Whiskey Bar owner with an overlay pronouncing "MATTHEW LANDAN IS A RAPIST." The woman

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